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Application No.: 10/805,245	)	Examiner: W. R. Garbner
Filed: March 22, 2004	)	
For: IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS,	)	Confirmation No.: 9061
IMAGE PICKUP SYSTEM, AND	)	
IMAGE PICKUP METHOD	)	

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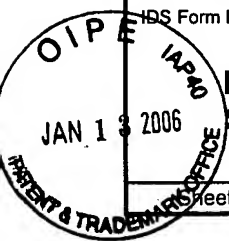
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